

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the indicated paragraphs of the specification in accordance with the amendments indicated below.

Page 1: First paragraph after the title, amend as indicated below:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The invention relates to a method for light modulation in accordance with the features cited in this description. The invention furthermore relates to an apparatus for performing the method.

Pages 1-2: Paragraph bridging pages 1-2, amend as indicated below:

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The object of the invention is to suggest a method and an apparatus in order to be able to perform light modulation in a simpler manner and with less structural complexity. The method should enable rapid and/or reliable reproducible modulation of the light and should be adaptable to various employment conditions and applications with no problems. The method should be realizable by means of the apparatus with low complexity and few components. Furthermore, the apparatus should have a low structural volume and should enable simple integration and

adaptation to available systems. In addition, the method/apparatus should improve the switching speed of the light modulation.

Pages 3: First full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The invention is described in the following in greater detail using the particular exemplary embodiments illustrated in the drawings without this creating a restriction thereto.